

curing any deferred payments for lands purchased hereunder, and that such obligations shall be secured in addition to the usual liens by an annual assessment collected against the land; and providing that the Legislature shall have no power to relieve any person from any obligation entered into under this provision or any statute enacted thereunder."

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

BUCHANAN of Bell, Chairman.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, February 8, 1919.

Hon. W. A. Johnson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Judicial Districts to whom was referred House Bill No. 138, An Act to increase the civil jurisdiction of the County of Mitchell County, have had same under consideration and beg leave to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

DOROUGH,  
BAILEY,  
WILLFORD.  
HALL,

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 8, 1919.

Hon. W. A. Johnson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 224, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of the heirs of Charles Broach and to validate a survey of 320 acres of land in Franklin County, made by virtue of certificates granted to William Lane, and to authorize the Commissioner of the Land Office to issue patents thereto,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Caldwell, Bell, Buchanan of Scurry, Dudley.

## TWENTIETH DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas,

Monday, February 10, 1919.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. A. Johnson.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Alderdice.	Floyd.
Bailey.	Gibson.
Bell.	Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hertzberg.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Hopkins.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Carlock.	Page.
Clark.	Parr.
Cousins.	Strickland.
Dayton.	Suiter.
Dean.	Westbrook.
Dudley.	Witt.
Faust.	Woods.

Absent.

Williford.

Absent—Excused.

Dorough.  
Johnston.

Smith.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Alderdice.

Excused.

Senator Dorough was excused for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Floyd.

Senator Johnston for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Dean.

Petitions and Memorials.

See Appendix.

Standing Committee Reports.

See Appendix.

Bills and Resolutions.

By Senator Buchanan of Bell:

S. B. No. 238, A Bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Commis-

sioner of the General Land Office to lease the lands owned by the State under the control and management of the Board of Prison Commissioners known as the penitentiary lands, and the land under the control and management of the Board of the Institution for Training of Juveniles, located in Coryell County, Texas, to any person, firm or corporation, desiring the right to prospect for and develop petroleum oil or natural gas thereon; providing that said leases may be executed under the terms and conditions and in the same manner, as now provided for by law, for the leasing of public free school, University and Asylum lands; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

By Senator Carlock:

S. B. No. 239, A Bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6174, Chapter 1, of Title 104, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, of 1911, so as to authorize the County Commissioners' Court in counties having a population of over one hundred thousand (100,000) according to the U. S. census of 1910, to have the option of leasing from the Board of Prison Commissioners all convicts sent to the penitentiary from such counties, where the convictions do not exceed two years in length, and providing for the terms upon which such convicts can be obtained by said counties and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Penitentiaries.

By Senator Suiter:

S. B. No. 240, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and permit Mrs. Ethel Richburg to sue the State of Texas, in the District Court, of Wood County, Texas, or in the District Court of Eastland County, Texas for damages for the death of her husband, who was killed by State Rangers on or about the 24th day of November, 1918, while said Rangers were acting in their capacity as Rangers of and without bond or other securities for their acts, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator McNealus:

S. B. No. 241, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend Article 4081 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas so as to provide for the appointment of a guardian of a person of unsound mind by jury trial, which will be granted if requested, as set out in Title 64, Chapter 16, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, providing for 'guardianship of persons of unsound mind and habitual drunkards,' and validating all appointments heretofore made without a jury trial."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator McNealus:

S. B. No. 242, A bill to be entitled "An Act to protect the public health of the people of the State of Texas by prohibiting any person, firm or corporation, owner, agent, employee, or person in charge of any public or private school, public building, hall, church, theater, market, playground, park, store, hotel, office building, factory or manufacturing establishment, from keeping, offering, exhibiting or displaying for use any common drinking cup, glass or other receptacle, and from maintaining in or about any lavatory or wash room any towel for common use; defining the words 'common use' and fixing a penalty for violation of the Act; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Senator Clark:

S. B. No. 243, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter six (6), Title sixty-five (65), of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, the said chapter and title providing for the election of a Commissioner of Agriculture, prescribing his qualifications, duties and location and term of his office; providing that all duties, functions and services required by said chapter and title to be performed and rendered by the Commissioner of Agriculture shall from and after the taking effect of this Act, be rendered and performed so far as may be practical and necessary by the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 1921."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Agricultural Affairs.

By Senator Dean:

S. B. No. 244, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 3003, Re-

vised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911 as amended by Chapter 30, Acts of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, so as to prohibit the giving of any assistance to a voter in preparing his ballot, except when such voter is unable to prepare the same himself because of some bodily infirmity which renders him physically unable to write, or is over sixty years of age, and providing that ballots prepared in violation of this Article shall be void; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Hall:

S. B. No. 245, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5903, Title 92, Revised Civil Statutes, 1911, empowering the Director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station to adopt standards or definitions for concentrated feeding stuffs and such regulations as may be necessary for the enforcement of the law, providing that such standards and definitions shall not be of a higher grade or standard than that adopted by the feed control officials of the United States."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Agricultural Affairs.

By Senator Cousins:

S. B. No. 246, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 3 of the Acts of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, being an Act to create and establish the Batson Independent School District, in Hardin County, Texas, so as to increase the members of the board of trustees to seven persons, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Hertzberg:

S. B. No. 247, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1121, Chapter 2 Title 25, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to private corporations, by adding thereto Section 80, providing for the creation of private corporations for the purpose of acting as regularly commissioned and licensed agents of fire and marine, marine, tornado, rent, accident, casualty, liability, health, elevator, disability, plate glass, burglary, bonding, title, surety or fidelity insurance companies, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senators McNealus and Westbrook:

S. B. No. 248, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 3084, 3086, 3122, 3134, 3136 of Chapter 10, Title 49, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, so as to provide that candidates of political parties casting 100,000 or more votes in the next preceding election shall be nominated by a majority of the votes cast in a primary election; providing for the holding of such primary elections and fixing the dates thereof; providing for the making of returns of the votes cast in such primary elections and the canvassing thereof, providing for the election of delegates to County Conventions and fixing the dates thereof, to repeal Articles 3091 and 3092 of said Chapter 10 of Title 49 and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections.

By Senator Westbrook:

S. B. No. 249, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1123 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas 1911, so as to permit married women to become subscribers, stockholders, officers and directors of corporations, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Bailey:

S. B. No. 250, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend subdivision 13, of Article 1830, Chapter 4, Title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, so as to provide that suits for the partition of lands or other property may be brought in the county where such lands or other property or part thereof may be, or in the county in which one or more of the defendants reside, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Clark:

S. B. No. 251, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Garwood Independent School District in Colorado County, Texas, and defining its boundaries, and providing for the election of a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district, naming

the fiscal year as to taxes vesting said district with all the powers, rights and duties of independent school districts formed for free school purposes only, and providing that said Board of Trustees shall have such authority as is now or may be hereafter conferred by the general laws of the State of Texas upon Boards of Public School Trustees of Independent School Districts, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Hall:

S. B. No. 252, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 17, Chapter 207, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, requiring persons driving a motor or motor cycle, when approaching the intersection of a public street or highway with the tracks of a steam railroad or interurban railroad, where such street or high-way crosses such track or tracks where the view of said crossing is either wholly or partially obscured for a distance of three hundred yards on either or both sides, to before attempting to pass over said crossing, and at some point not nearer than twenty feet of said track, come to a complete stop, before passing over said crossing, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

#### Simple Resolution No. 55.

Whereas, there is in the Senate this morning the distinguished Congressman from El Paso, the Honorable C. B. Hudspeth,

Therefore Be It Resolved by the Senate that the privilege of the Floor be extended to Senator Hudspeth and that he be invited to address our body.

Dudley, Dean, Dayton, Caldwell, Carlock, Buchanan of Bell, McNealus, Hopkins.

The resolution was read and adopted and a committee appointed to escort the speaker to the president's stand, whereupon he made a brief address, speaking from the seat occupied by himself for twelve years.

#### Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Superintendent of public buildings and grounds be instructed to remove the large advertising bill board now standing in front of and near the Southern entrance of the Capitol Grounds, as it is no longer a public necessity and is an unsightly encumbrance.

McNEALUS.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Morning Call Concluded.

#### Senate Bill No. 104.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading:

S. B. No. 104, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6967 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, defining and designating the persons to whom may be granted pensions as Confederate soldiers and sailors or their widows, so as to provide the women, now widows, who were wives of Confederate soldiers and sailors and after the death of said soldiers and sailors remarried, may be eligible to the grant of a pension, and declaring an emergency."

Senator Dean offered the following amendments which were read and adopted by unanimous vote:

(1) Amend S. B. No. 104 by striking out all of Section 1 and substituting therefor the following:

Section 2 of Chapter 141 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature be so amended as hereafter to read as follows:

"Section 2. Out of the funds to be created under the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 141, General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, there shall be an annual pension of eight and one-third (\$8 1-3) dollars per month, the same to be paid quarterly on the first days of September, December, March and June of each year to every disabled and indigent soldier who, under Special Laws of the State of Texas, during the War between the States, served for a period of at least six months in organizations for the protection of the frontier against Indian raids and Mexican marauders, and to every indigent and disabled soldier of the militia of the

State of Texas who was in active service for a period of at least six months during the War between the States, and to every widow of such soldier who is in indigent circumstances and who was married to such soldier prior to January 1st, 1900, and to every indigent and disabled Confederate soldier or sailor who served for a period of at least three months of active service in the armies or navies of the Confederate States of America during the War between the States, and who became a resident of the State of Texas prior to January 1st, 1900, and who has been a bona fide resident of the State of Texas continually since January 1st, 1900, and to every widow of such Confederate soldier or sailor who is in indigent circumstances and who became a resident of the State of Texas prior to January 1st, 1900, and who has been a bona fide resident of said State continually since January 1st, 1900, and who was married to such soldier or sailor prior to January 1st, 1900,—and the fact of re-marrying since the death of the soldier or sailor shall not bar his surviving widow from receiving a pension hereunder if she be now a widow more than sixty years of age and in indigent circumstances, if she shall have been the wife of such soldier or sailor at the time of his death and left by him as his widow; and provided that the word 'widow' as used in this Act and in the existing law shall not apply to or include women born since 1861, and provided that in the event the appropriation made by the State Legislature out of such special fund for any one year shall prove insufficient to pay in full said pensions, there shall not thereby be created a deficiency outstanding as a valid claim against the State of Texas, and each pensioner shall only receive, except as herein or in existing law otherwise provided for, his or her pro rata according to the amount appropriated for that year."

(2) Amend S. B. No. 104 by striking out the caption and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 141 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, defining and designating the persons who may be granted pensions, so as to provide that women now widows who were wives of Confederate soldiers and sailors and after the death of such soldiers and sailors

re-married, may be eligible to the grant of a pension, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Dean, was passed by the following vote:

**Yeas—23.**

Bailey.	Floyd.
Bell.	Gibson.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hertzberg.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Hopkins.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Carlock.	Parr.
Clark.	Strickland.
Cousins.	Suiter.
Dayton.	Westbrook.
Dean.	Witt.
Dudley.	Woods.
Faust.	

**Absent.**

Alderdice.	Page.
Hall.	Williford.

**Absent—Excused.**

Dorough.	Smith.
Johnston.	

**Message From the House.**

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1919.

Lieutenant Governor W. A. Johnson,  
President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 210, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring the 11th day of November of each year a legal holiday under the same conditions as other holidays are designated in Texas, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 263, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas to use any or all surplus funds which have accumulated, or which may hereafter accumulate, in his department by reason of the discontinuance or readjustment of the several items as contained in the appropriation for the operation of the department for the present fiscal year; permitting him to make such changes as in his judgment the interests of the State demand in the management and conduct of the Comptroller's Department for the purpose of readjusting the manner of operation of the department made necessary by the Acts of the Legislature imposing the du-

ties of State Pension Commissioner and State Revenue Agent upon the Comptroller of Public Accounts; conferring the powers and duties heretofore vested in the Commissioner of Pensions and State Revenue Agent in the Comptroller, and declaring an emergency."

The House has adopted H. C. R. No. 25, making provision for memorial services in commemoration of the late Theodore Roosevelt.

And has adopted H. C. R. No. 26, endorsing Dr. Campbell of San Antonio on his success in eradicating malaria-carrying mosquitoes by the means of experiments with bat roosts.

S. C. R. No. 16, to correct an error in the engrossment of S. B. No. 14.

The House has reconsidered the vote by which S. C. R. No. 13 was adopted, and refused to adopt said S. C. R. No. 13, relating to printing of Ranger Investigation testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. REESE,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

#### **Bills Read and Referred.**

The Chair, Lieutenant Governor Johnson, had referred, after their captions had been read, the following House bills:

H. B. No. 210, referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 263, referred to the Committee on Finance.

H. C. R. No. 26, referred to the Committee on Public Health.

#### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 25.**

The Chair laid before the Senate H. C. R. No. 25, making provision for memorial services in commemoration of the late Theodore Roosevelt.

The resolution was read and adopted.

#### **Bill Signed.**

The Chair, Lieutenant Governor Johnson, gave notice of signing and did sign in the presence of the Senate, after its caption had been read, the following:

S. B. No. 14, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the maintenance and operation of pool halls within the State of Texas; defining the term 'pool halls' as used in the Act; declaring that the threatened, actual or

contemplated use of any premises, place, room, building or part thereof, or tent or any kind of enclosure, for the purpose of said pool hall as defined in the Act, shall be enjoined at the suit of the State or any citizen thereof; stating who may be made party defendant in such injunction suit, conferring certain power and authority upon and fixing certain duties for the Attorney General and the County and District Attorneys of the State with reference to such suits; providing that any citizen may institute and maintain such suit; fixing the procedure in such suits; creating and defining offenses in violation of the act, and providing the punishment therefor; and declaring an emergency."

(Senator Faust in the chair.)

#### **Senate Bill No. 109.**

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 109, A bill to be entitled "An Act to recover to the public free school fund the excess in surveys made for individuals, railroad companies and the State or the school fund, by virtue of certificates issued for the construction of railroads and other works of internal improvements; and certificates issued to individuals which require the location of a like amount of land for the State or school fund; and the surveys sold under the Fifty-cent Acts of July 14, 1879, Chapter 52, and March 11, 1881, Chapter 33, providing for ascertaining such excess, its sale, the adjustment of land lines the protection of public and private improvements in relation to the adjustments of such excess acreages by amending Articles 5396 and 5397, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, and adding thereto two new articles as 5397a and 5397b and repealing Articles 5399 and 5400, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, and declaring an emergency."

Senator Dean offered the following amendment:

Amend S. B. No. 109 by adding at the end of Section 4, a new section to be known as Section 4a, to read as follows:

Section 4a. But in no sales or conveyances under this Act shall the oil, gas or other minerals be con-

veyed but the oil, gas or other minerals under such lands shall be disposed of only as otherwise provided by law or as may hereafter be provided by law.

Senator Dayton offered the following amendment to the foregoing amendment:

Add to the amendment the following:

"Provided the person owning the principal section or lands in main survey may have first right within 90 days after passage of this Act to obtain oil, mineral and gas rights on the excess surveys, from the State as provided by law."

Pending.

#### Adjournment.

At 12:20 o'clock p. m. the Senate on motion of Senator McNealus, adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow (Tuesday) morning.

#### APPENDIX.

##### Petition and Memorials.

Senator Parr offered three numerous signed petitions from citizens of Hidalgo County asking that Senator Parr be seated as the duly elected Senator from the 23rd District.

The petitions were referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Senator Floyd offered a petition from citizens of Delta County protesting against a bill to prohibit the tenant from removing property from premises of landlord without permission while lien on same exists.

##### Engrossing Committee Report.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 8, 1919.

Hon. W. A. Johnson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills have had Senate Bill No. 103 carefully compared and find same to be correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Vice-Chairman.

19—Jour.

##### Committee Reports.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1919.

Hon. W. A. Johnson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15, which is as follows:

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring that the regular session of the 36th Legislature be adjourned sine die, on Friday, March 14, 1919.

Have had same under consideration and am directed to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

WILLIFORD, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1919.

Hon. W. A. Johnson, President of the Senate:

We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 131, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting permission to Hyman Alexander, a minor, to sue the State of Texas for damages,"

Have had the same under consideration, and am directed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

WILLIFORD, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1919.

Hon. W. A. Johnson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 128, being an Act entitled "An Act to amend Title 17, Articles 1195, 1196, 1198, 1199, 1200 and 1201, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, adopted at the regular session of the Thirty-second Legislature, 1911, relating to the State Institution for the Training of Juveniles; the control and treatment of delinquent children, as amended by Chapter 112, of the Acts of the regular session of the Thirty-third Legislature, 1913, approved April 2, 1913; and to amend Article 1197 of said Code, as amended by said Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 2, 1913, and as amended by the fourth called session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, Chapter 26, approved March 22, 1918,

and to add to said Code Article 1201a, and declaring an emergency."

Have had same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

SUITER, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1919.

Hon. W. A. Johnson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 210, being an Act entitled "An Act to place concurrent jurisdiction in the District and County Courts of Travis County by presentation by indictment by a grand jury; by affidavit and information and the trial thereof of all offenses named in Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Title 6 of the Revised Criminal Statutes of Texas of 1911; to repeal all laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

SUITER, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1919.

Hon. W. A. Johnson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 90, being an Act entitled "An Act to amend Article 868 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, providing for judgment in cases where punishment is other than by pecuniary fine,"

Have had same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

SUITER, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1919.

Hon. W. A. Johnson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 154, being an Act entitled "An Act to amend Article 1232 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, of 1911, so as to make the same read 'take or use,' and declaring an emergency,"

Have had same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

SUITER, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1919.

Hon. W. A. Johnson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 185, being an Act entitled "An Act to amend Article 233 of the Penal Code of the Revised Criminal Statutes of Texas, 1911, forbidding candidates for office, or other persons, from paying the poll taxes of others, by striking out the words 'candidates for office,' and changing the penalty, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

SUITER, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1919.

Hon. W. A. Johnson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 231, being an Act entitled "An Act to amend Title 15, Chapter 1, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, adopted in 1911, by adding thereto Article 1019a, defining the offense of negligent assault and battery, fixing a penalty therefor, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

SUITER, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 8, 1919.

Hon. W. A. Johnson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 220, (creating Kerr County road system), a bill to be entitled "An Act subdividing said county into road districts and empowering any political subdivision or any defined district now or hereafter to be designated and defined of said county, by a vote of a two-thirds ma-



majority of the resident property taxpayers, qualified voters of such political subdivision, or any defined district now or hereafter to be described and defined, thereof, voting thereon to issue bonds of said county, to an amount not exceeding one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such county or of such political subdivision, or any defined district now or hereafter to be described and defined, and to levy and collect taxes to pay the interest on such bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, and prescribing ways and means of conducting and supervising said work; providing for appointment of a board of commissioners, and their duties; providing for the redemption of road bonds now outstanding against Road District No. 1, and specially exempting said county from the provisions of Article 637d of Chapter 203 of the Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature at its regular 1917 session, and declaring an emergency."

Have had said bill under consideration, and I am instructed by the committee to report said bill favorably to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass.

WOODS, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 8, 1919.

Hon. W. A. Johnson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 229, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the better enforcement of the traffic laws of this State, regulating the use of the public highways by motor vehicles; giving the commissioners' court in each county the right to employ one or more deputies to work under the Sheriff in the special enforcement of said law; to define the duties of said officers, to regulate their compensation and to provide that the expenses of said officers shall be paid out of the county's share of the registration fees received from the Highway Department; regulating the disposition of fines collected in the prosecutions contemplated by this Act; and declaring an emergency."

Have had said bill under consideration, and I am instructed by the committee to report said bill favorably, with the recommendation that it do pass.

WOODS, Chairman.

## TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas,

Tuesday, February 11, 1919.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. A. Johnson.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Alderdice.	Floyd.
Bailey.	Gibson.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hertzberg.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Hopkins.
Caldwell.	Johnston.
Carlock.	McNealus.
Clark.	Parr.
Cousins.	Strickland.
Dayton.	Suiter.
Dean.	Westbrook.
Dudley.	Williford.
Faust.	Woods.

Absent.

Bell.

Absent—Excused.

Dorough.  
Hall.  
Page.

Smith.  
Witt.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Faust.

Excused.

Senator Dorough was excused for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Floyd.

Senator Page for today and tomorrow on motion of Senator Gibson.

Senator Hall for today and until Friday on motion of Senator Bailey.

Senator Smith for today and indefinitely on motion of Senator Hopkins.

Petitions and Memorials.

See appendix.